



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - November 28, 2003

- ***In the West***, locally heavy rain continues from the ***Cascades to the northern Coast*** as a new Pacific Storm system moves onshore. Rain and snow showers will gradually overspread the ***interior Northwest, including northern California***, but mostly dry weather should continue over ***southern California and the Southwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, mostly dry weather promotes cotton and sorghum harvesting in ***central and southern growing areas***. A warming trend is eroding snowcover on the ***northern High Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, showers are hampering final harvest efforts in the ***East***.
- ***In the South***, rain is slowing late-autumn fieldwork, including winter wheat planting and soybean and cotton harvesting, in the ***southeast and southern Atlantic region***.

Outlook: Across the ***Northeast and mid-Atlantic***, a deepening area of low pressure and trailing cold front will result in moderate to heavy rainfall. Behind the departing storm, cold, windy weather will be accompanied by snow showers from ***New England*** southward into the ***central Appalachians***. On Sunday morning, freezing temperatures are expected across ***northern portions of Florida***, outside of the major citrus-growing areas. Meanwhile, heavy rain will impact ***northern California*** with snow in the highest elevations. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for December 3 - 7 features above-normal precipitation in ***New England and the Pacific Northwest***, while drier-than-normal conditions are expected across the remainder of the ***continental U.S.*** Below-normal temperatures are anticipated only for ***Florida***. Elsewhere, across the ***continental U.S.***, temperatures are forecast to remain at or above-normal.

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